

Saturday Programs

- 🦋 Some programs involve some outdoor activity; please dress for the weather.
- 🦋 Our programs are always educational and adults and children alike are invited to attend each program.
- 🦋 Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- 🦋 Inclement weather may cancel some programs. Please call ahead for program updates.

School & Organization Programs

The naturalist is available during the week for school or organizational group programs. Please call at least one week in advance to schedule a program with the naturalist. For information on programs and available times, please contact Carissa Lovett or Karen Moffett at (812) 877-1095 during business hours.

Junior Naturalist Program

Any park visitor from the age of seven years and up may participate in this program. See the park naturalist for your card and instructions on how to begin. To complete the program you must accomplish the following requirements.

1. Devote two hours of service to the Dobbs Park property.
2. Complete a Nature Project.
3. Attend three naturalist-led events.
4. Identify ten items found in nature.
5. Observe a bird, mammal or plant for 10-15 minutes and be able to answer some questions about it.

RULES AND REGULATIONS THIS IS YOUR PARK—TAKE CARE OF IT!

All visitors should observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which the park was intended and to preserve it in its natural state for the enjoyment of future visitors.

1. Do not injure or damage any structure, tree, flower, or wild animal within the park.
2. Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash at all times while in the park.
3. Only foot traffic is allowed on trails.
(No horses, bicycles, motorcycles or ATVs)
4. Fires should be built only in grills provided for that purpose.
5. Trash should be placed in trash cans.
6. All firearms, BB guns, bows and arrows, paintball guns, etc. are prohibited from the park.
7. Vending or advertising is prohibited without permission of the Park Department.
8. No animal or plant may be removed from the park.

Thank you for visiting Dobbs Park!

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Hours

Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm-5:00pm
Closed all legal holidays.

January 12 - 10:30 am

Winter Wildlife

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

What do animals do to prepare for cold weather? Some hibernate, some migrate, and some store food. Learn more about how wildlife prepares for the harsh winter. Make a cool critter to take home!



February 9 - 10:30 am

Radical Recycling

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

Do you recycle? Would you like to, but don't know how to get started? The staff of the ISU Recycling Center will teach us how to start recycling a large percentage of the trash we throw away daily! Make some recycled crafts to take home!

March 8 - 10:30 am

Awesome Amphibians

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

Frogs, toads, and salamanders are coming out of hibernation and migrating to ponds to lay their eggs. Learn about these unique animals and hear their calls. Make your very own toad house!



April 5 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Workshop

Pre-registration required; \$35 fee; Space is limited.

Please bring a sack lunch or get a quick lunch out.

Sponsored by the Indiana Wildlife Federation,

TREES Inc. and Dobbs Park.

Will help property owners get the most out of their wildlife habitats.

Experts will offer advice on food, water and cover for a variety of wildlife. Topics also include insect control and the benefits of native plants.



April 12 - 10:30 am

Walk Through The Wildflowers

Trek through the old growth forest to see nature's carpeted woodland floor. Learn to identify spring wildflowers during a slide show and a hike. Please dress for muddy conditions.



LOVE YOUR MOTHER...



April 19 - 11 am - 2 pm

Earth Day Celebration

At White Violet Center for Eco-Justice
at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

Food! Fun! Entertainment!

Children's Activities! Vendors! Tours! Alpacas!

Fun filled day for the whole family!

April 26 - 10 - 11 am

Intro to Birding

Join a member of the Audubon Society
of Terre Haute to learn the basics of

birding. Some binoculars will be

provided or bring your own.

Please dress for the weather and muddy conditions.



May 10 - 10:30 am

Spectacular Senses

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

We use our senses every day, often
without thinking about them. Learn how

animals use their senses, and which ones have the
most spectacular senses of all!

Make a crazy kaleidoscope to take home!



June 14 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

27th Annual Kids' Fishing Rodeo

Free event! Fun! Prizes! Freebies!

Registration is from 8 am to 10 am.

Competition categories are ages 5-7, 8-11

and 12-15, and a fish for fun category

for ages 2-4. Participants receive a

free hot dog and soda. Pre-registration is suggested.



July 12 - 10:30 am

Remarkable Reptiles

Pre-registration; \$2 fee

Snakes, Turtles & Lizards! Oh My!

There are some really remarkable reptiles that share
this state with us! Learn about these fascinating
creatures, and make a turtle bank to take home!



August 9 - 1:00 pm

An Afternoon With

The Butterflies

Pre-registration; \$1.00 fee

Join the naturalist in the Butterfly Garden &
Prairie to explore the beautiful world of butterflies.
Paint your own butterfly! Meet at the Nature Center.



September 13

10:00 am - 5:00 pm at ISU

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm at Dobbs Park

ISU Bat Festival

Sponsored by Indiana State University
& Dobbs Park Nature Center.

For more information, contact the Nature Center.



October 11 - 10:30 am

Weird & Wonderful

Wildlife

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

There are some pretty unusual creatures
who call Indiana home: a marsupial, frogs that can
survive freezing, insects that glow in the dark! Learn
about our most extreme animals, and make a light-up
firefly of your own!



November 8 - 10:30 am

Fabulous Feathered Friends

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

We'll have fun learning about the birds that
call Indiana home, with lots of great
bird games and activities! Check out the
festivities and make a bird feeder for our
feathered friends!



December 13 - 10:30 am

Sensational Snowflakes

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

Discover the wonders of winter's
beautiful decoration—snowflakes.
No two are alike! Make your own
snowflake ornament!

